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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference ETH5084PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US04/23779	International filing date (day/month/year) 23 July 2004 (23.07.2004)	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 07 August 2003 (07.08.2003)
Applicant ETHICON, INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the Report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.
2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)
3. ☒ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III)
4. ☒ With regard to the title,
 - ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - ☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

- ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- ☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. ____
 - ☐ as suggested by the applicant.
 - ☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
 - ☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.
- b. ☒ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-18

Remark on Protest ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : A61K 9/14, 9/16, 38/17; C07K 17/00

US CL : 424/489, 491, 492, 493; 530/354, 356, 384; 514/54

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 424/489, 491, 492, 493; 530/354, 356, 384; 514/54

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5,143,838 A (KRAUS et al) 01 September 1992 (01.09.1992), cols. 1-4.	1-18
A	US 6,045,570 A (EPSTEIN et al) 04 April 2000 (04.04.2000), cols. 1 and 2.	1-18
A	US 6,566,345 B2 (MILLER et al) 20 May 2003 (05.20.2003), cols. 2-4 and 6.	1-18

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"B" earlier application or patent published on or after the international filing date

"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"I"

later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

"X"

document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y"

document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art

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BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

Group I, claim(s) 1-18, drawn to a process for making a flowable composition.

Group II, claim(s) 19-28, drawn to a process for making a medical device for applying hemostatic composition.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: There is no Unity of Invention between the process of Group I and the medical device of Group II because the process for making a flowable hemostatic composition reads on a method of producing for example, thrombin as acknowledged on page 7, lines 22-25 in the instant disclosure and as taught by U.S. Patent No. 5,143,838. Similarly, the medical device of Group II reads on mixing apparatus comprising an applicator device such as syringe for filling as acknowledged on page 7, last paragraph in the instant disclosure and as taught by U.S. Patent No. 6,045,570. There is no Unity of Invention of the process of making the composition of Group I with the process of making medical device of Group II because the groups do not share the same special technical features, the inventions do not relate to single inventive concept.

Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:

APS, CAS ONLINE, MEDLINE, EMBASE, BIOSIS, WPIDS

search terms: hemostatic compos? or hemostasis comp? or blood coagulat? or platelet activat?, biocompatible polymer? or polysaccharide? or protein? or gelatin or collagen or fibrinogen or thrombin?, benzalkonium or glycerol, gas or air or nitrogen or carbon dioxide or xenon or argon; radio opaque or antimicrobial? or foam? or foam stabil?